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SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—" May I ask, Sir, what amount the Government have spent this year in order to provide housing for such poor people who sleep on the pavements near the Government House even in these wintry days?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI:—" Government are not spending directly. But the Corporation of Madras is spending. I think they have spent Rs. 2,50,000."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Sir, will the Government be pleased to say whether they will assist the Corporation if they come forward with plans to accommodate the houseless people?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI:—" It will certainly be considered taking into view the financial position of the Government."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA:—" May I ask, Sir, whether all the houseless people are people without any ostensible means of livelihood, or are the people working in factories and other undertakings?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI:—" All the people are not exactly people working in factories. Some are rickshaw pullers, and there are also other poor people living in the pavements."

Number of Vanaspathi factories in the Province.

*78 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Vanaspathi factories in the Province;

(*b*) the quantity of Vanaspathi manufactured therein; and

(*c*) the number of Vanaspathi factories for which licences have been granted and the number for which the grant of licence is under consideration?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Industries):—" (*a*) Four Vanaspathi factories are working in this Province at present. Two of these were already in existence and two have been started under the Post-war Development Plan.

" (*b*) 45 tons per day.

" (*c*) Under the post-war development programme, ten new Vanaspathi factories, including the two referred to in the answer to clause (*a*) above, have been permitted to be set up in this Province. No application for starting additional factories is pending consideration."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO:—" May I ask, Sir, whether all the factories have been completed?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" I believe many of them have started construction, and are completing construction."

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Sri M. NARAYANA RAO:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the Government are encouraging the construction of more factories?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"These factories were sponsored by the Government of Madras under the post-war development programme."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO:—"Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that in the *Harijan* articles are repeatedly published that this Vanaspathi is a deleterious substance injurious to one's health and that its manufacture should be prohibited?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"On this question there is more than one view. This matter has been examined by the Government of India. The Government of India appointed a special committee to examine this matter. I believe recently—if I remember right—there was a note issued that the result of research have shown that it is not as bad as it was represented in the *Harijan*."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO:—"Does this Vanaspathi manufacture come under post-war development, Sir?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"Yes, it comes under post-war development programme. It is part of that programme."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO:—"Sir, as Vanaspathi is of doubtful advantage, do the Government propose to see that Vanaspathi factories are discouraged?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"I do not accept the proposition that Vanaspathi is of doubtful advantage."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO:—"Sir, has the attention of the Hon. Minister been drawn to an article in the last week's *Harijan* that capitalists are advertising and taking signatures from people for various memorials to the effect that their health has considerably improved by the use of Vanaspathi, and hence it must be encouraged, and no notice should be taken of protests against the manufacture of Vanaspathi?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"It is quite possible that a particular section of people hold a view different from others."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that oil produced in the village ghannies is superior to Vanaspathi oil?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"It is a question of personal opinion."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO:—"What is the expert opinion, Sir?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"We have not got it."

Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN:—"Do the Government propose to appoint either a technical committee or an expert committee to find out whether this Vanaspathi is deleterious to health or not?"

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have already stated that the Government of India, on doubts being raised about the nutritious value of Vanaspathi, did appoint a special committee which has been working to test it for the last two years. I do not have an official record with me of the opinion expressed by that body. But I think I have recently read in one of the newspapers that it is not deleterious to health."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, is it not more advantageous to develop it as a cottage industry? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" These are all matters of particular opinions as to how particular industries are to be run. I cannot here give my views in the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the Congress policy that cottage industries should be encouraged, will it not be advantageous that the Government decide their policy regarding Vanaspathi? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" We have encouraged cottage industries, and we have got an officer for the development of cottage industries."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Have the Government, Sir, come to any definite conclusion with regard to the nutritious value of Vanaspathi so that people may either take it or reject it? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I do not think the report has yet come."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have already stated that I happened to read some newspaper report, and I did say that I did not have an official record of the opinions expressed by that body which has been appointed by the Government of India to go into this matter."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Sir, is Vanaspathi in our Province produced out of the same kind of vegetable oils as that which is being produced in other Provinces? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I know groundnut oil is the most important basis for the manufacture of Vanaspathi in India."

The Annamalai University.

* 79 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether under the Annamalai University Act, an annual statutory grant is due to the University; and, if so, what the amount is;

(*b*) whether, besides the statutory grant, grants for other purposes have been made during the past twelve years; and, if so, what the amounts and the purposes for which the grants have been made are (year-war);